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July 18, 1979

Mr. Jim Hale  
CF&I Steel Corporation  
P.O. Box 100  
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Re: Comstock, Blowout,  
Duncan Mine  
ACT/021/005  
Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hale:

The Division has reviewed the Mining and Reclamation plan for the Comstock, Blowout, Duncan Mine and has determined that with several stipulations, it is ready to grant tentative approval to the operation. Tentative approval can be issued after several things are received by the Division to complete the plan and the Boards concurs that tentative approval should be issued.

The Division needs the following from CF&I Steel before tentative approval can be issued:

1. A commitment to include consultation with the Division in the revegetation testing that is proposed to be performed by the company and Southern Utah State College.
2. A time schedule of when such revegetation testing will be performed and on what basis until mine closure.
3. A map of both the Comstock mine and the Iron Mountain Area which shows what areas that were utilized for mining before and will not be used during this phase of operations. Essentially this map would show areas CF&I would not be held responsible for reclaiming due to their having been mined prior to May, 1975.

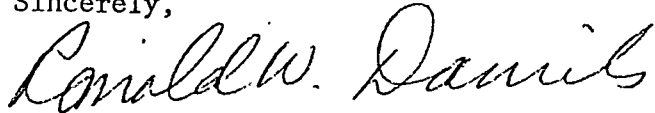
The Board will be consulted at its July, 1979 meeting on whether it concurs with the Divisions decision to issue tentative approval to this operation. Subsequent to the Board's concurrence and upon receipt of the above outlined three items in satisfactory form the Division will issue tentative approval and proceed with the 30 day publishing requirement.

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Once publishing is accomplished and no objections of substance are received, final approval can be issued with the posting of suitable reclamation surety.

Your company can speed along the approval process by providing a surety estimate that considers both form and amount of reclamation surety. If a suitable proposal is received by the August 22, 1979 Board meeting, it would be presented for its approval at that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald W. Daniels".

RONALD W. DANIELS  
COORDINATOR OF MINED  
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RWD/sp